

Committee(s): Police Committee Communities and Children Services Residential Consultative Committee Barbican Residential Committee Safer City Partnership	Date(s): 26 th March 2015 17 th April 2015 18 th May 2015 1 st June 2015 8 th June 2015	Item no.
Subject: Barbican Area CCTV		Public
Report of: Town Clerk – Assistant Director Safer City Partnership		For Information
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Summary</u></p> <p>This report sets out proposals to install an additional 24 cameras to improve the CCTV coverage of the public walkways and the area around the Barbican Estate including Golden Lane Estate area.</p> <p>This has been triggered by recent incidents of crime being reported, some of an indecent nature, on the Barbican Estate near the School for Girls which has subsequently highlighted the fact of there being a lack of camera coverage in this area.</p> <p>The installation of additional cameras would cover the public spaces of the Barbican area and would not target any particular property or building.</p> <p>Profiling data has been produced by the City of London Police to establish a need for investment as outlined above and an assessment of the area has been done to identify the strategic locations of where best to locate any additional cameras. It is estimated that the installation of additional cameras will cost around £215k.</p> <p>As a project that aims to prevent crime, assist in the detection of crime and one which would also benefit the community as a whole in making the area feel safe, the project aligns with the criteria required to obtain funding through the Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA).</p> <p>An application for POCA funding will be made to the next board in May 2015. The project will follow the corporate project gateway process.</p> <p>When delivered this project will become an integral part of the current Ring of Steel upgrade CCTV system monitored by the police and accessed by the City Corporation. The on-going revenue maintenance costs will be apportioned between the two organisations in line with the current arrangements. The cameras will act as a deterrent to criminals and assist in the reduction of crime not only in the Barbican area but supporting crime reduction across all the City of London and has the support of the City Police.</p>		

Comments will be sought/ have been received through the consultation process to assist with the delivery of this project. The relevant committees and groups are listed in the consultation section of this report.

Recommendations

To note:

- The proposed installation of additional CCTV as set out in this report on the basis that it can be funded by a successful POCA bid.
- The project will be delivered through the Corporate Project Gateway process.
- That this project will become part of the Ring of Steel upgrade project to ensure it is integrated into the City of London Police CCTV system and can be accessed by the City Corporation.

Main Report

Background

1. The issue of CCTV installation on/ around the Barbican Estate has been discussed by the Barbican Estate Security Sub-committee previously over recent years. At that time, when previously considered, it was not seen as being required and equally there were concerns aired that there may be increases to the service charges for estate residents to pay for the installations. More recently however, in response to a number of reported incidents, a number of elected Members have asked for a review of CCTV requirements.
2. To assess the business case, a local crime profile report was produced by the City of London Police for an area extending beyond the Barbican Estate which includes the area immediately adjacent to include Golden Lane Estate, (See appendix 1 Map showing area). The report produced shows the number of crimes across all 'crime categories' reported to the police for 2013 calendar year period. The number of crimes recorded was 508 (see appendix 2), it must be noted these records predominantly relate to crimes around the Barbican Estate.
3. The map "Crime by location in the study area" provides information on all the different crimes in the Barbican area. Among these crimes there are some which are categorised as sexual offences. The offences are not of a serious physical nature but are related to victims under the age of 16. This is partly attributed to the location of the City of London School for Girls being in close proximity.

4. A map has been produced to show where the current locations are of CCTV cameras (see appendix 3), it can be seen that there is 'inadequate provision of CCTV cameras along the public walkway'.

Current Position

5. From the local crime profile data trends are emerging showing that some crime numbers are being repeated on an annual basis in and around this area. It is thought that some perpetrators exit the tube stations close by and are able to get inside the Barbican Estate and exit the area undetected as there is no or very little coverage of CCTV around the entrance and exits of the public walkways making the pursuit of such individuals more difficult.
6. The City of London Police invests heavily in resources in preventing and detecting crime. As current pressures on police numbers and financial resources increase, greater emphasis is being placed on the use of modern technology such as CCTV to assist with the prevention and detection of crime. Additionally, the City is experiencing times of raised threat levels relating to terrorism and extremism, this has been well documented in the media recently. Clearly improvements in the coverage of CCTV across the City will benefit the City's response to these threats.
7. The City is presently looking at all of the security measures currently in place to ensure they are fit to meet the security threats and challenges of today and of the future. The assessment of CCTV across the City shows that there is relatively good coverage, however there is undoubtedly a gap in coverage on and around the Barbican Estate/ Ward area and it would therefore be prudent to extend the coverage across these areas.

Proposals

8. Working closely with the City of London Police, a strategic assessment of camera locations was undertaken to identify additional overt CCTV camera coverage on or around the public walkways within the Barbican and Golden Lane Estates. Appropriate signage will be installed in line with the requirement for the use of overt CCTV.
9. It is intended that the cameras are used to protect the public areas/ walkways in the prevention and detection of crime. The equipment will be integrated into the existing Ring of Steel CCTV system, the monitoring, data management/ controller will be the City Police and accessed by the City Corporation and by involving project officers of the 'Ring of Steel upgrade project' the proposed cameras will be of the same specification and quality to ensure compatibility. Within this proposal it has been identified that an additional 24 cameras will be installed. The locations of the

additional cameras can be seen on the map in appendix 4. This project will follow the established corporate project gateway process to enable delivery.

10. When delivered this project will become an integral part of the current Ring of Steel upgrade CCTV system monitored by the police and accessed by the City Corporation. The on-going revenue maintenance costs will be apportioned between the two organisations in line with the current arrangements, officers are liaising with colleagues in the Chamberlains department to formalise this arrangement.
11. Being conscious of the listed building status of the Barbican, wireless cameras will be considered for use where possible in order to minimise any interference with the fabric design of the building. Approval will need to be obtained from City of London Corporation Planning department regarding the buildings that are listed by British heritage with planning officers already engaged in the project providing advice.

Financial and Risk Implications

12. An estimated cost of £215,000 has been received for the 24 new cameras which includes installation. A breakdown of the costs can be seen in appendix 5
13. This Project is a good fit with the criteria set out to be able to apply for funding via POCA (Proceeds of Crime Act) administered by the City of London Police. Projects wishing to be funded by POCA have to meet one of the three criteria which are; drive up performance on asset recovery, to fund local crime fighting priorities and reduce crime and for the benefit of the community.
14. As a project that aims to prevent crime, assist the detection of crime and would also benefit the community as a whole in making the area feel safe the project meets the criteria required to obtain funding through the Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA). An application for POCA money will be made for the funding of the project at the next board in May 2015.

Legal Implications

15. Advice will be sought to ensure that compliance with the data protection act is maintained and the comptrollers will be consulted throughout the delivery of this project to ensure that any issues relating to privacy are addressed.

Property Implications

16. The project will engage with the Planning Department, Housing and any other bodies relating to the listed status of the Barbican.

HR Implications

17. After an initial assessment there are no HR or equality impacts.

Strategic Implications

18. This project matches the strategic aim of the Corporate plan “to provide modern, efficient and high quality local services and policing within the Square Mile for workers, residents and visitors with a view to delivering sustainable outcomes” By making the police more efficient with equipment that is necessary to protect and keep safe the City of London improving the quality of their work and service.
19. It is also a policing priority to reduce crime and to protect the City from terrorism. Better CCTV in the Barbican area could potentially reduce crime not only in that area but in the city as a whole.
20. Improvements in CCTV coverage in the Barbican area would also meet the objectives of the Safer City Partnership plan which are: reducing anti-social behaviour, reducing re-offending, Night-time economy issues, Counter Terrorism

Consultees

21. It is intended that this report will follow the recognised consultation process for Barbican related projects and will be presented for information and comment to:
- Police Committee – 26th March 2015
 - Communities and Children Services – 17th April 2015
 - Housing Management & Almshouses Sub Committee - 27th April 2015
 - Residential Consultative Committee – 18th May 2015
 - Barbican Residential Committee – 1st June 2015
 - Safer City Partnership – 8th June 2015

Conclusion

22. In order to support the City of London Police in their day to day delivery of policing and to further improve the security of the City the increase in numbers and improved coverage of CCTV in the Barbican area will help to prevent a deter crime in that area.

23. The overall crime prevention and detection in the city could also be affected by this improvement, as criminals would not be able to 'hide' or 'disappear' via the Barbican area. Tracking perpetrators of crimes that are reported as being 'in progress' may also be improved for the reasons outlined above.

24. The use of technology in this way helps the City Police deliver an effective policing service in times of increasing financial challenges.

Background Papers:

Crime and Disorder Barbican Estate 2013

City of London Corporate Plan

Safer City Partnership plan

City of London Policing plan

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Map of Barbican Area

Appendix 2 – Crime by location Type in the study area

Appendix 3 – Barbican area CCTV cameras (Police and Corporation)

Appendix 4 – Map of Proposal of CCTV

Appendix 5 – Estimated costs

Appendix 6 – Results of the Estate-wide Consultation on the Police

Committee proposals for CCTV on the Estate (Discussion Document for the Barbican Estate Residents' Consultation Committee)

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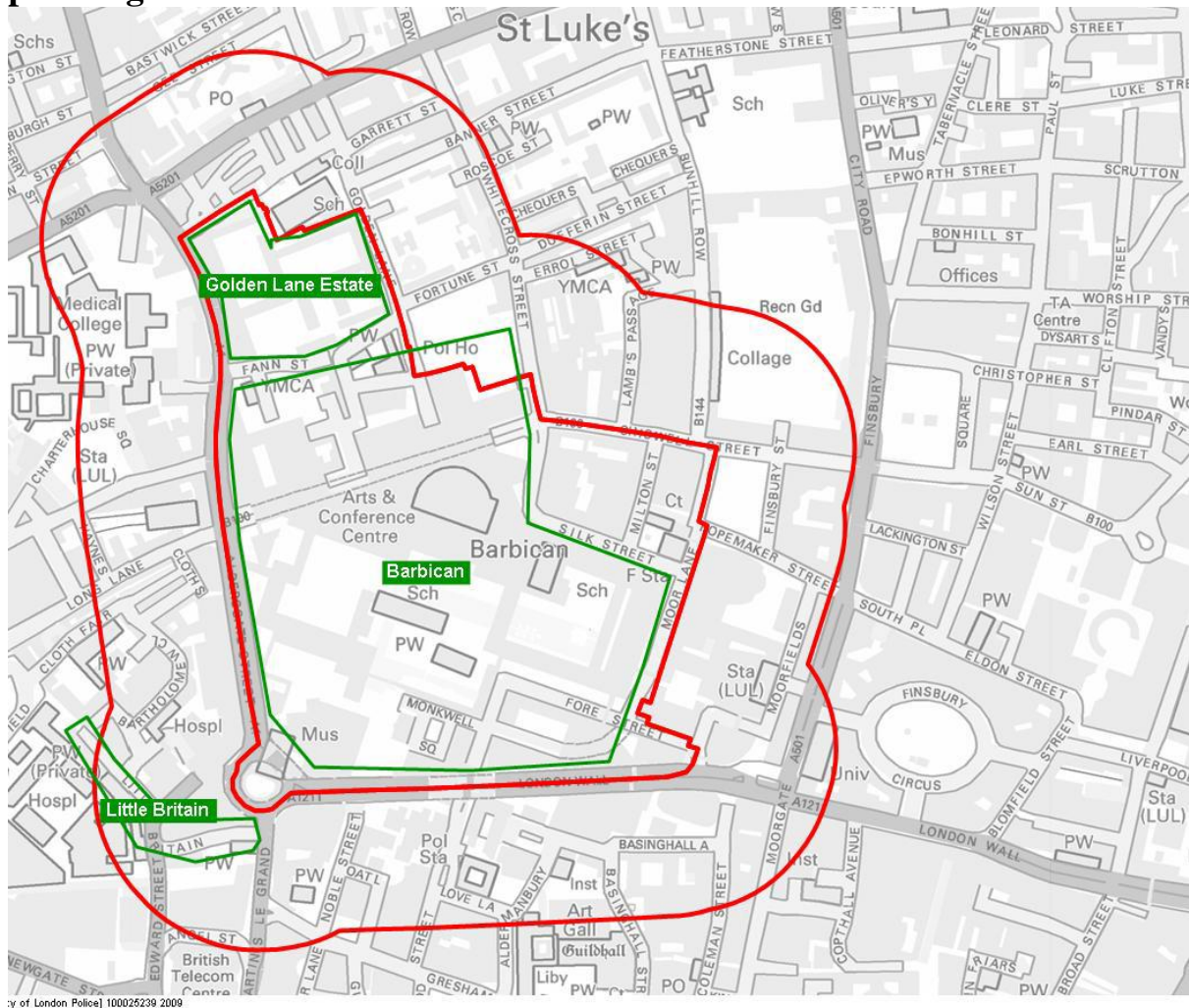
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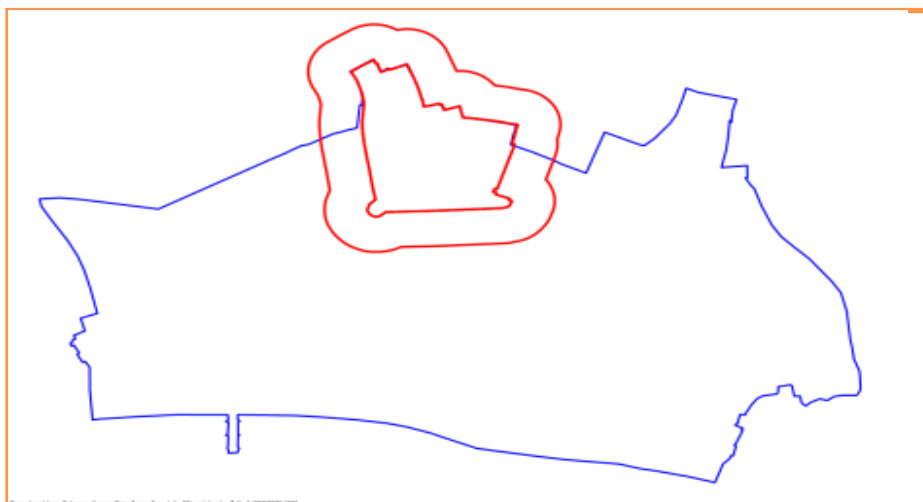
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Appendix 1

Barbican study area used for crime profiling



City of London – Barbican area



Appendix 2

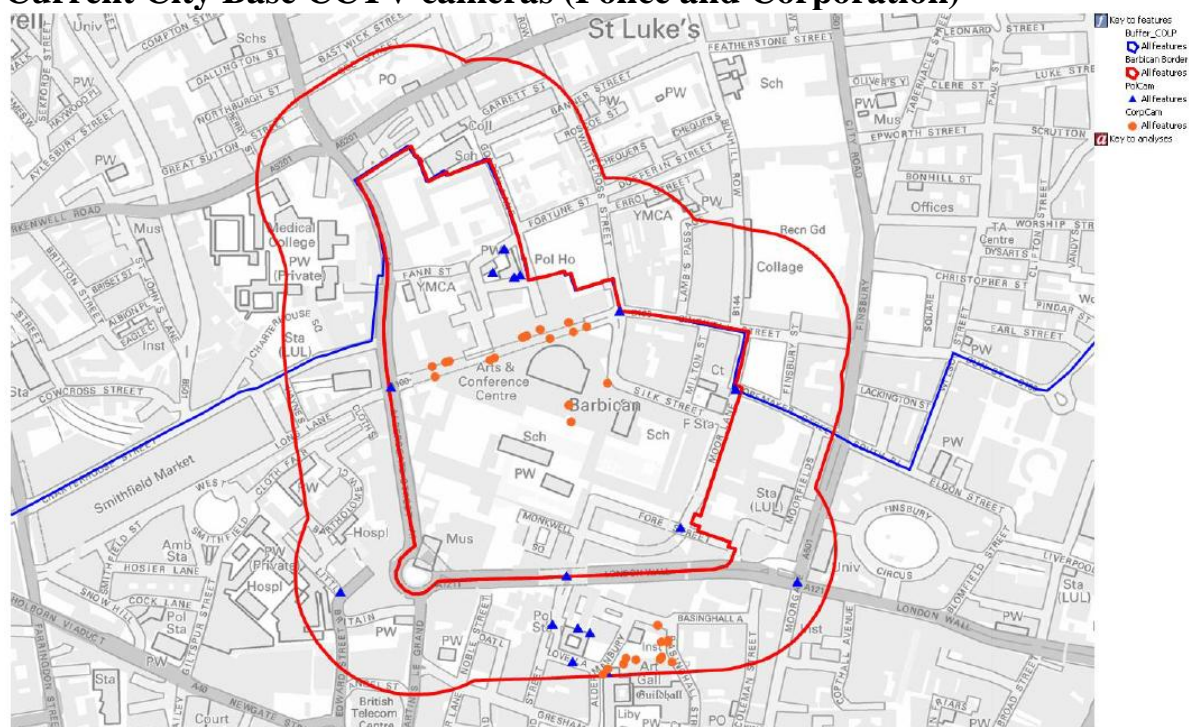
Crime by location type in study area

Location Descriptor	Burglary - (i) in a dwelling	Burglary - (ii) in other building	Criminal damage	Drug offences	Fraud and forgery	Miscellaneous Offences	Other offences	Robbery	Sexual offences	Theft and handling stolen goods	Violence against the person	Grand Total
Street			4	21		9	7	3	2	84	31	161
Licensed Premises		2			1			1		64	14	82
Business		9	4			3	2		1	35	3	57
Barbican			1			1				28	7	37
Fitness Club			1	1	1	2			1	25	3	34
Residential Block		4	6							11	7	28
Residential Address	10		2						1	6	9	28
Retail		1			2	1				16	2	22
Education		2								12	1	15
Car Park			1							12		13
Food					1				1	7	2	11
Cycle bay										5		5
Building Development										5		5
POLICE			1							2		3
Telecoms										1	1	2
Gaming			1								1	2
Hospital						1						1
Transport										1		1
Church										1		1
Grand Total	10	18	21	22	5	17	9	4	6	315	81	508

84.1% of offences

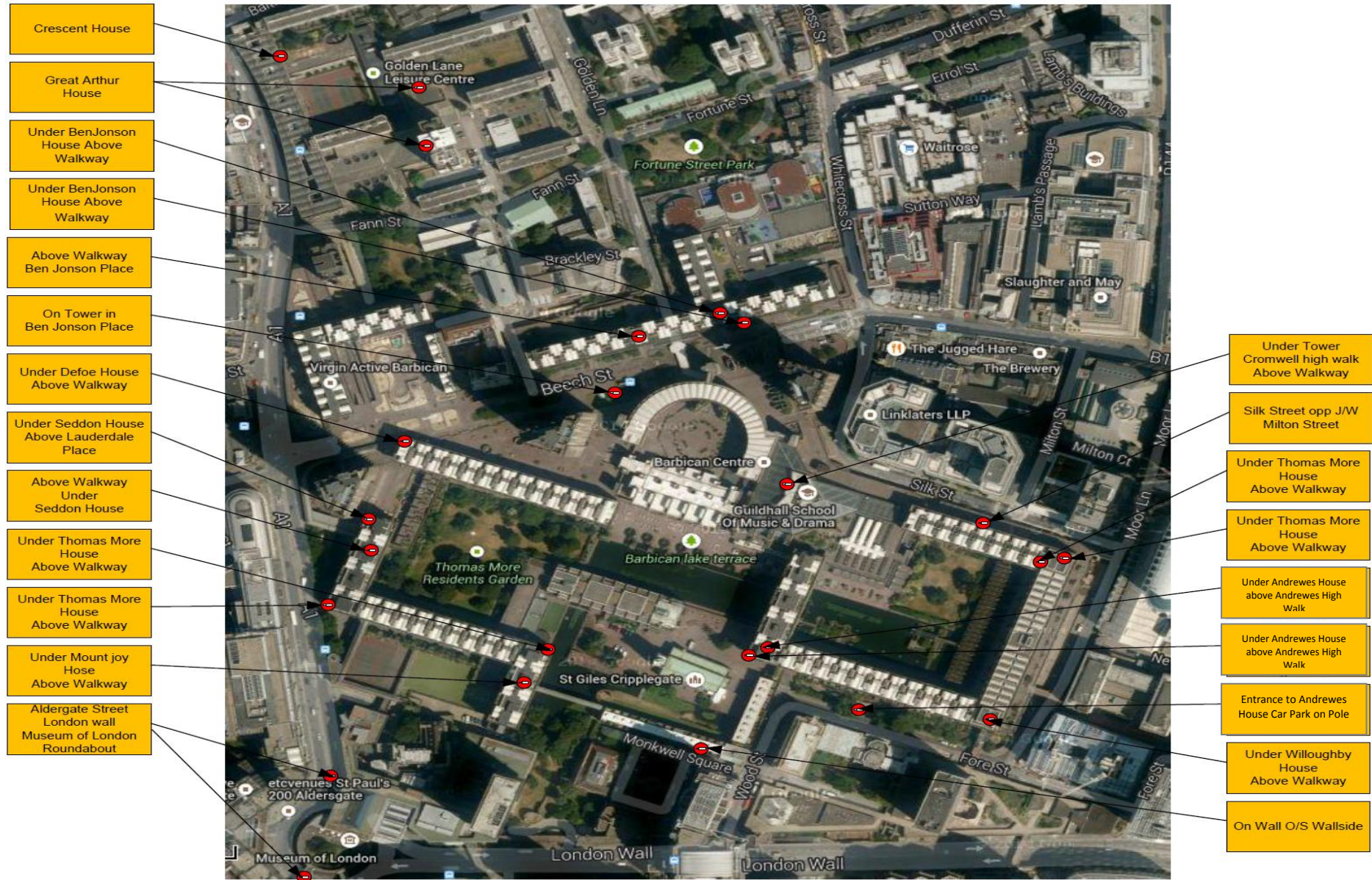
Appendix 3

Current City Base CCTV cameras (Police and Corporation)



BARBICAN CCTV PROPOSED LOCATIONS

Appendix 4



Estimated costs

Schedule No. 1	Barbican Centre New CCTV - Budgetary Proposal			
Item No.	Description	Qty	Unit Price (£)	Total (£)
1-1	IP PTZ Camera - Budgetary	24.00	8,287.00	198,888.00
	<p>Supply Installation and Commissioning of:</p> <p>1 x Indigovision Ultra 2k IP PTZ Cameras</p> <p>1 x Indigovision Licenses SUP</p> <p>1 x Enclosure and PSU</p> <p>1 x Bracketery Allowance</p> <p>1 x IP Wireless Link (Pair) 5Ghz upto 6km</p> <p>1 x Cabling Allowance</p> <p>1 x Containment Allowance</p> <p>1 x IP Switch Equipment</p> <p>1 x Lot Project Services</p> <p>NOTE:</p> <p>1 - The site will require a thorough site survey prior to providing a detailed design. Mainly as the site has numerous restrictions and technical dependencies on other projects which could cause major changes to the design.</p> <p>2 - A 230V fused super will be required and to be provided by the client within 10m of camera location.</p> <p>3 - An allowance has been made for access lift equipment.</p> <p>4 - Any permissions required prior to installation to be in place by the client.</p> <p>5 - Recording equipment has not be considered for this project as it may be done via a separate project. However we would suggest to create an allowance for these aspects.</p>			
1-2	Recording Equipment	1.00	15,291.00	15,291.00
	Estimated Cost For recording Equipment assuming a central recording location recording at 31 days real time at 1080P			
Total for this schedule net, excluding VAT				214,179.00